Lab1 – Android Development Environment

Setting up the ADT, Creating, Running and Debugging Your First Application

Objectives:

Familiarize yourself with the Android Development Environment

Important Note: This class has many students with a wide range of previous experience. Some students are fairly new to object-oriented programming (OOP). Some have OOP experience, but are new to Android. Still others have some Android experience already, and want to just freshen up their knowledge.

Because of this, I'm not expecting that everyone can finish this entire lab. I suggest that you set a time limit for yourself, say 1 hour. Work through what you can in that time and then stop and take a break. If you later feel that you have some more time for this Lab, then repeat the process. Again – don't feel that you need to finish everything in this lab. That's not the goal here.

Specifically, if you are fairly new to programming, you should try to complete Parts 1 – 4 below. If you are familiar with programming and programming environments, you should try to complete parts 1 – 6 below.

This lab contains the following Parts.

1. Set up Android Studio.
2. Create a new Android application.
3. Create an Android Virtual Device and start the Android Emulator.
4. Run the application you created in Part 2.
5. Import an application project.
6. Debug an Android application.

Additional helpful information can be found on the Android Developer website:

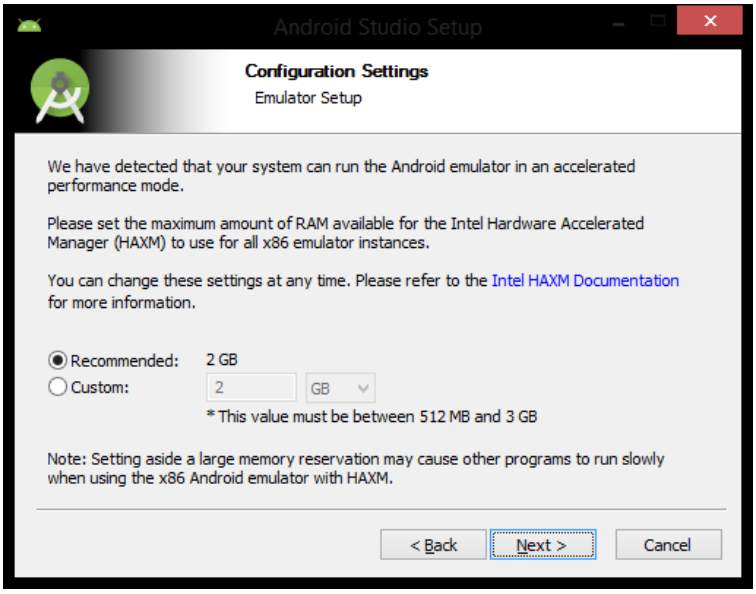
- https://developer.android.com/studio/index.html
- https://developer.android.com/training/basics/firstapp/creating-project.html
- https://developer.android.com/studio/run/managing-avds.html
- https://developer.android.com/training/basics/firstapp/running-app.html

Part 1 – Setting Up Android Studio.

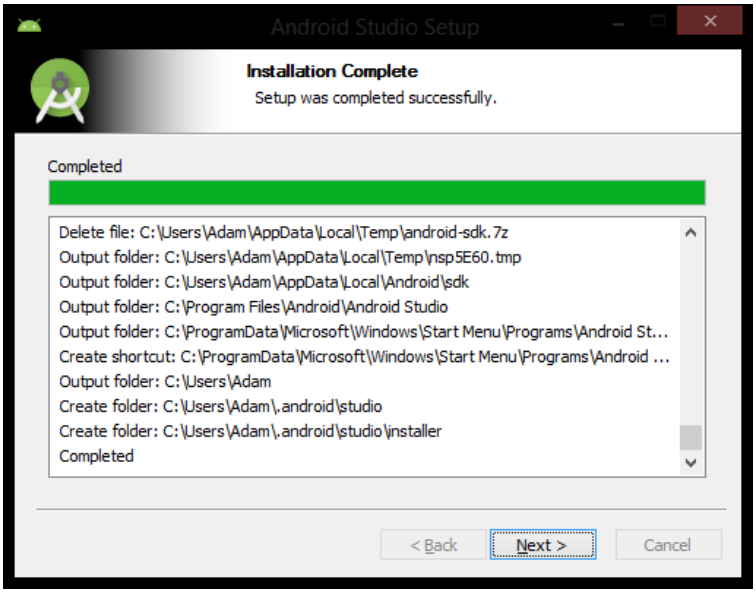
In this part you will download and install Android Studio which will be the Integrated Development Environment (IDE) used for this course. For the purposes of this document, we installed Android Studio version 3.1.4 (the current latest stable release as of 7/23/2018) on a Mac running High Sierra. All screenshots correspond to that environment.

1. Download Android Studio from https://developer.android.com/studio/index.html . Click on 'Download Android Studio'.
2. Open the executable file android-studio-<xxx>.
3. Once the setup loads, you will see the Welcome Screen.

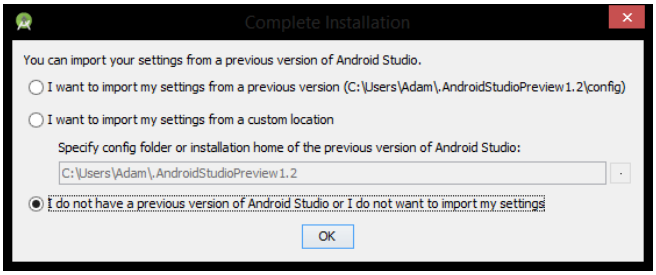
4. Click 'Next >' on the Welcome Screen.
5. When choosing components, ensure all of the checkboxes are checked in for each component to install. Once you are done, click 'Next >'.
6. Agree to the Android Studio and the Intel HAXM License Agreements after reading them.
7. Verify the install locations meet the installation requirements and click 'Next >'.
8. You may or may not see the emulator setup settings, just click 'Next >' after selecting the RAM size.



9. Finally, click ‘Install’. You will see which operations are currently running in the installation process and a progress bar displaying their progress.
10. Once the installation process is finished click ‘Next >’.

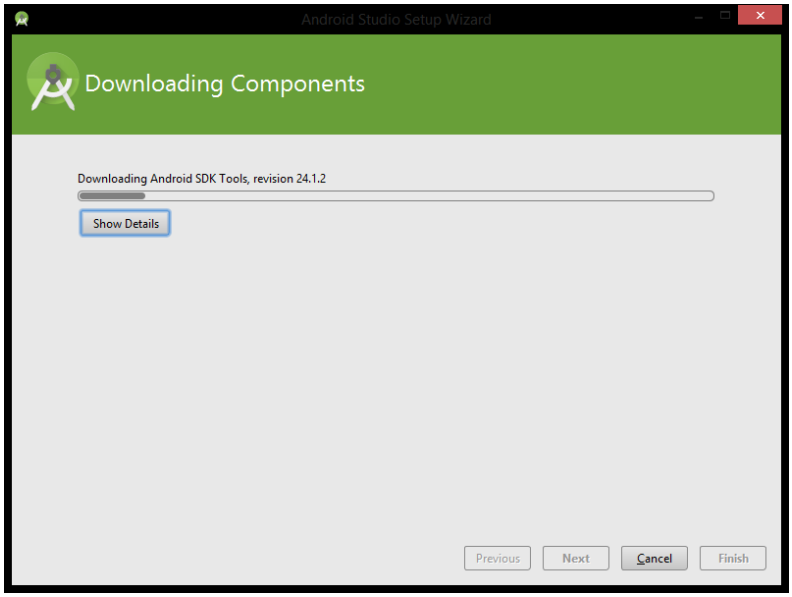


11. Android Studio is now set up. Check on ‘Start Android Studio’ and click ‘Finish’.
12. You will see the Complete Installation screen below.
13. If you had a previous version of Android Studio installed prior, then check either the first or second radio box. Otherwise, check the last radio box and hit ‘OK’.

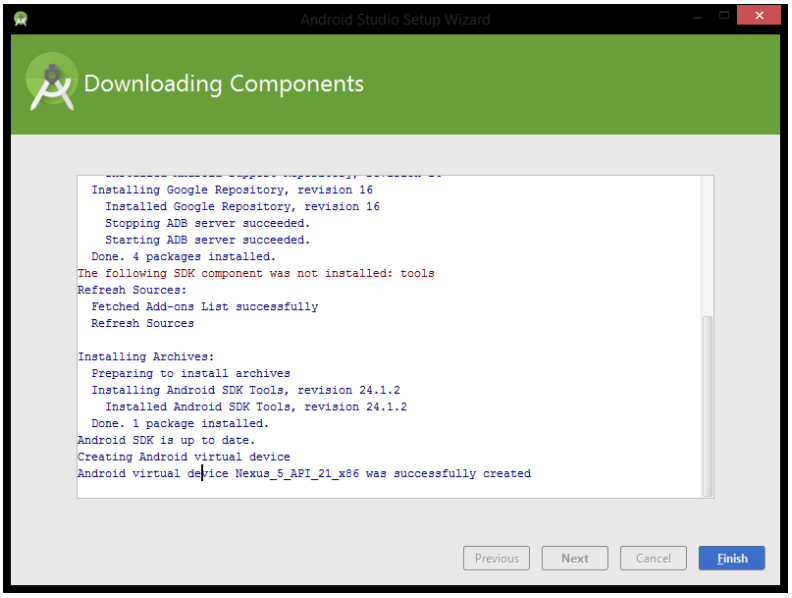


14. As Android Studio starts, the splash screen will appear.

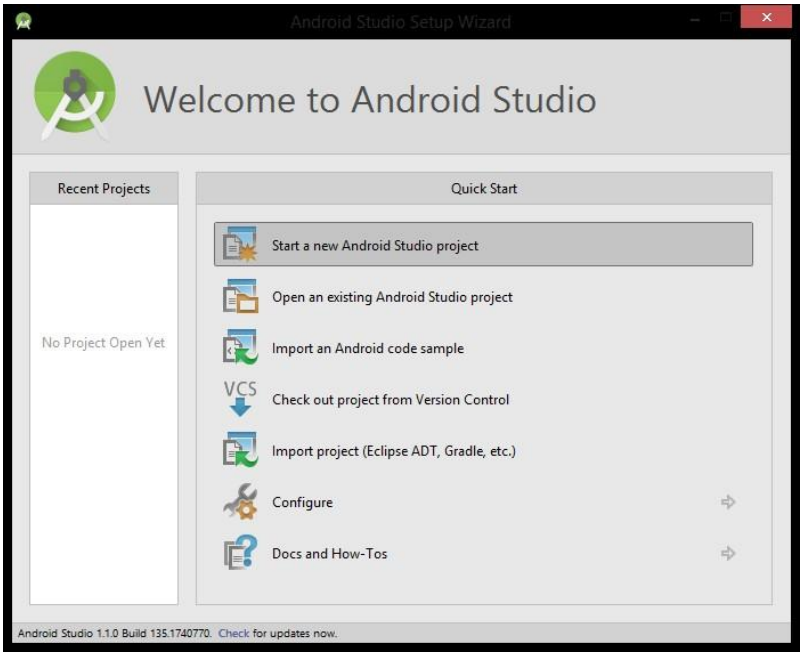
15. After the splash screen you may see some additional setup operations run, such as downloading components.



16. Once it is finished, click ‘Finish’.



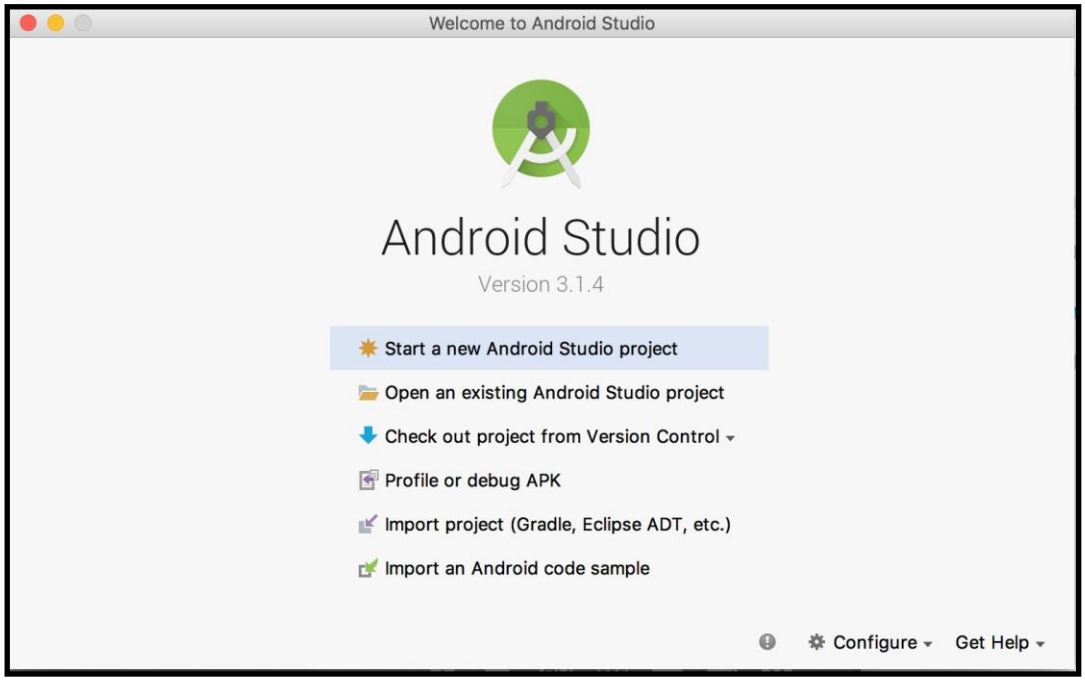
17. Welcome to Android Studio! In the next part we will start our first project.



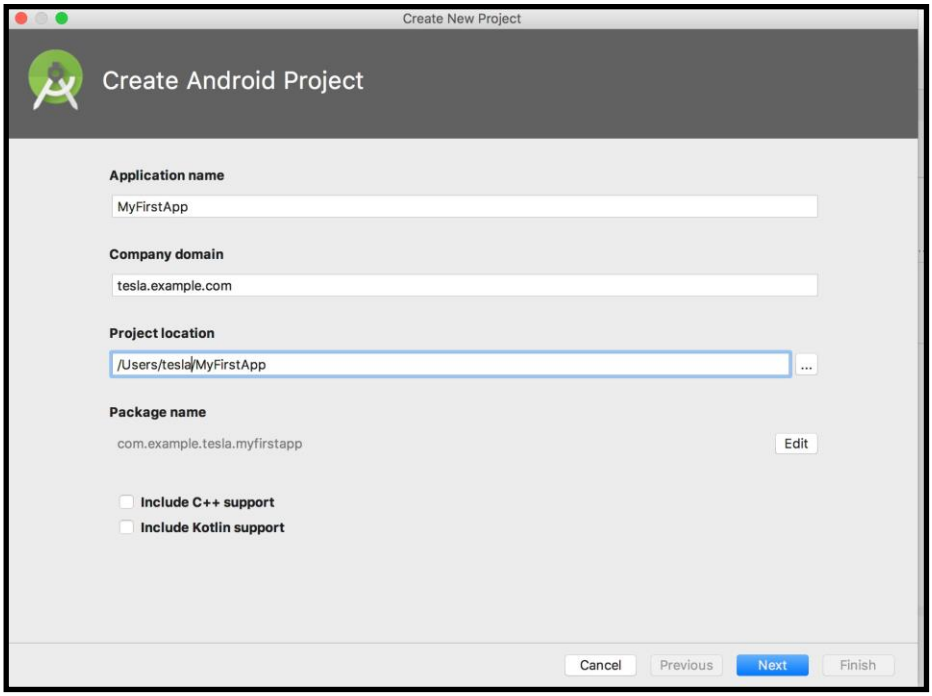
Part 2 – Creating A New Project

In this part you will create a simple Android application that displays the words, "Hello World!"

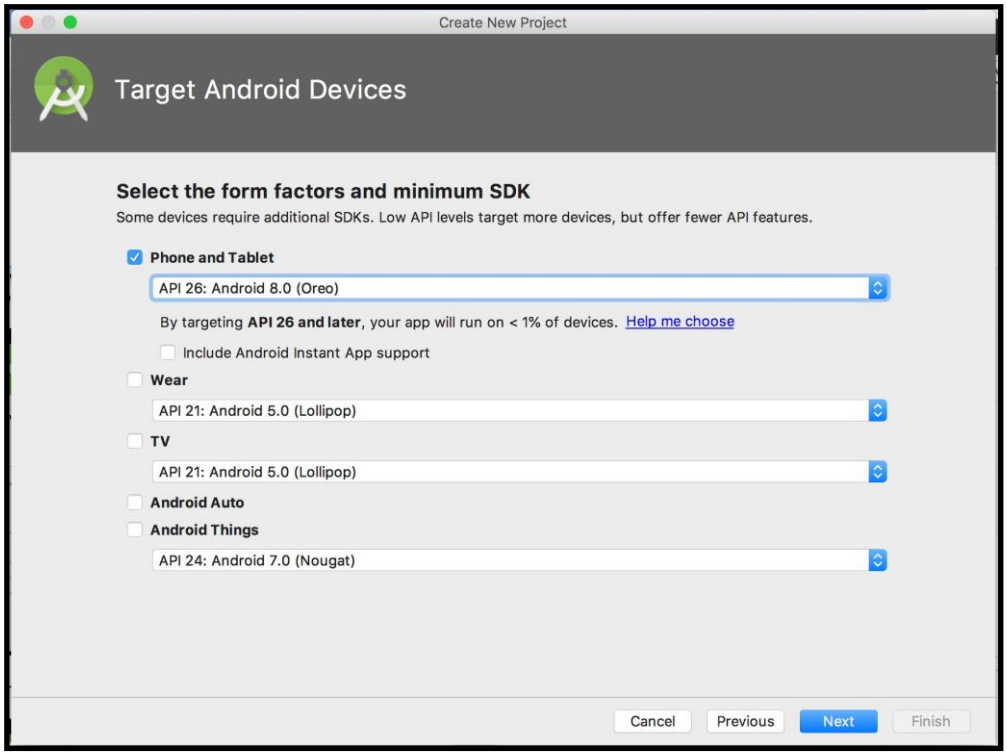
1. At the Welcome Screen, click on ‘Start a new Android Studio project’.



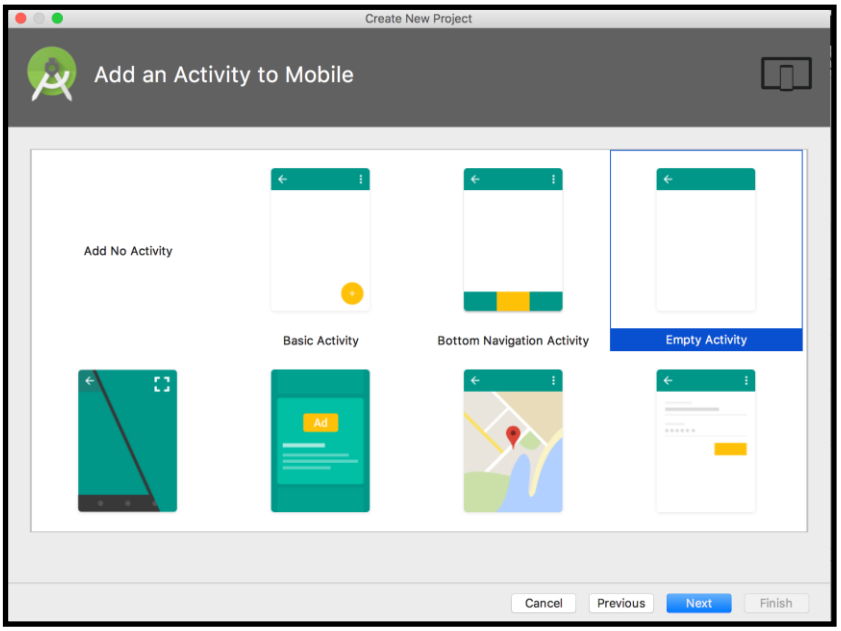
2. Enter the application name ‘MyFirstApp’ and note where the project is located. I am creating my project inside of my home directory.



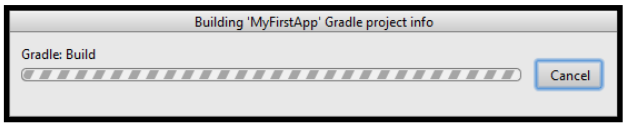
3. Select which devices you would like your app to run on. For now we will be working with ‘Phone and Tablet’. Make sure to set the Minimum SDK version to API 26 for this course.



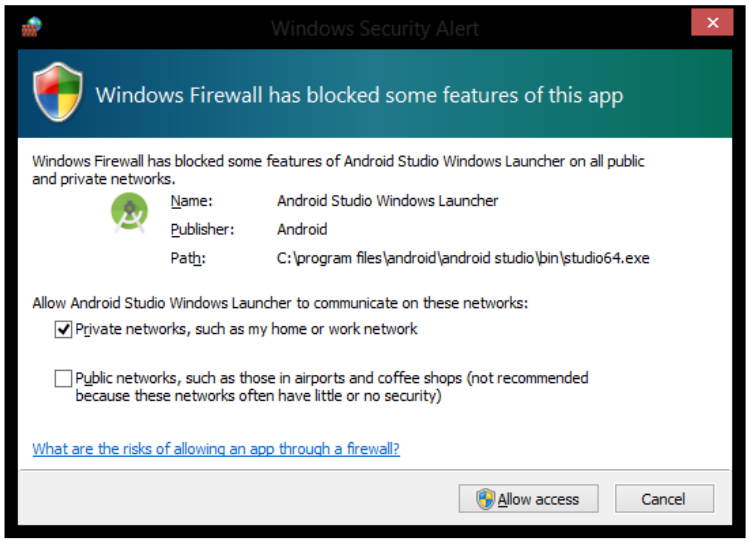
4. Select ‘Empty Activity’ and click ‘Next’.



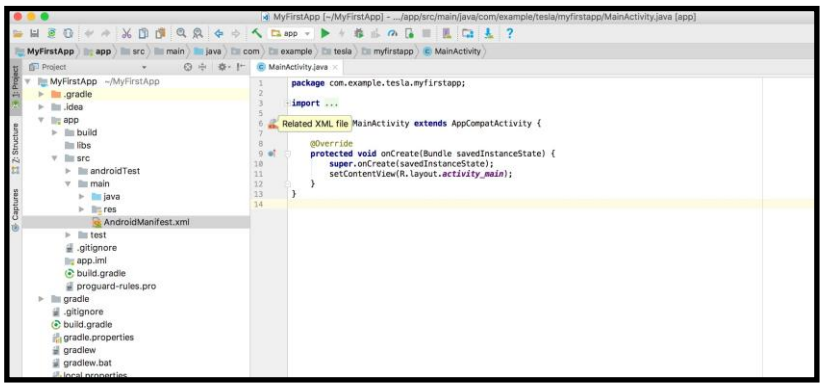
5. In the next window, leave all the settings as default, and then click Finish.
6. Android Studio will now create the project and build it.



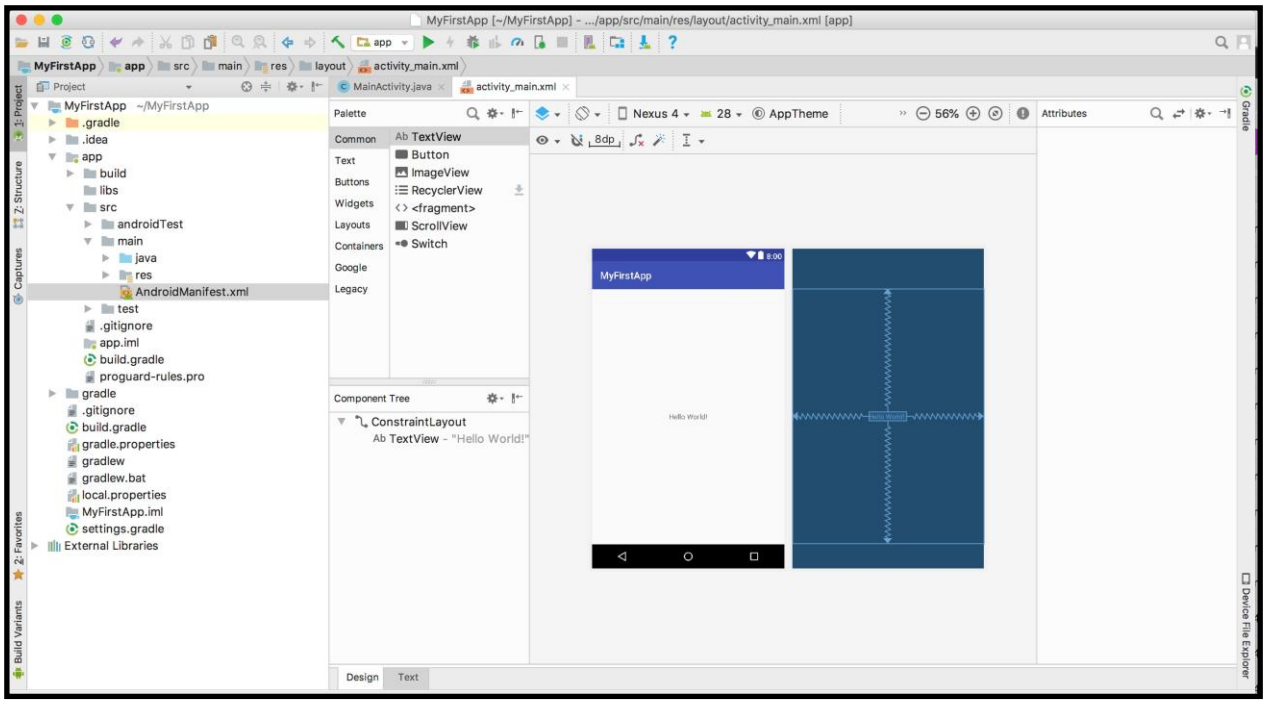
7. You may see a security alert if you are on Windows, click ‘Allow access’ to continue.



8. Once the Android Studio IDE fully loads, click on the ‘Related XML file’ icon you will see by hovering over the icon in the middle of the window.

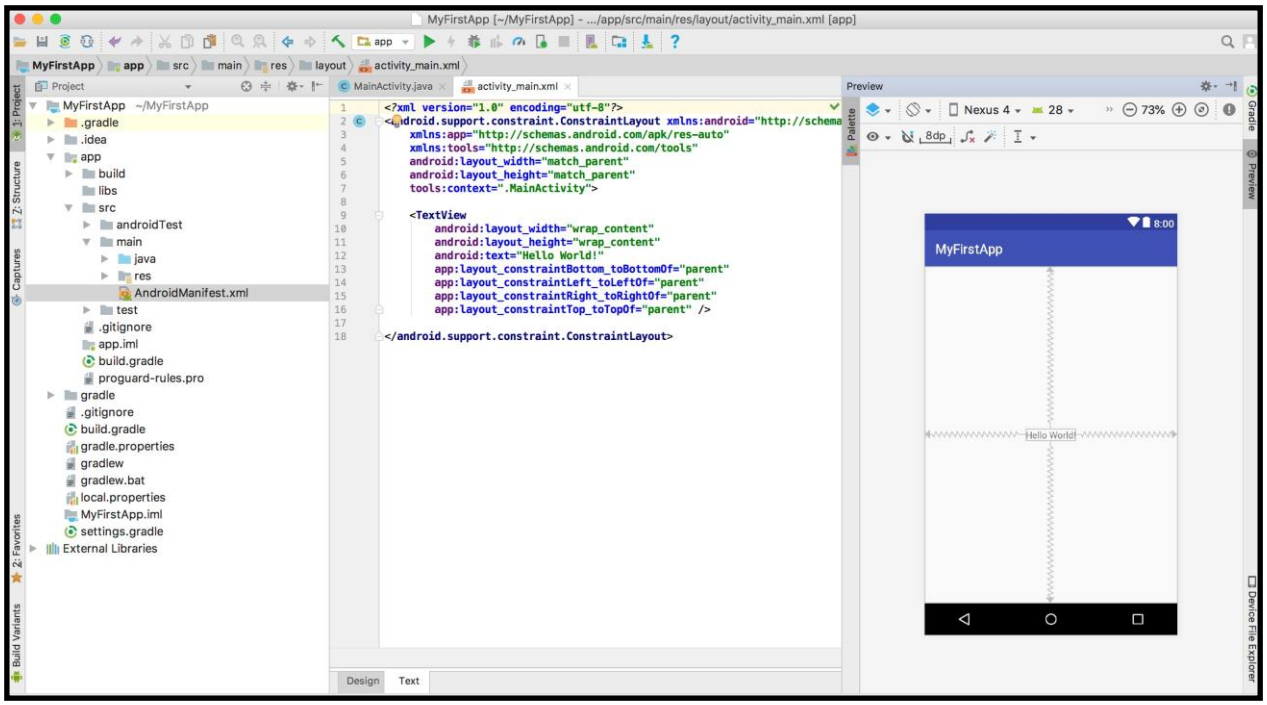


This will now open the following view inside of Android Studio:

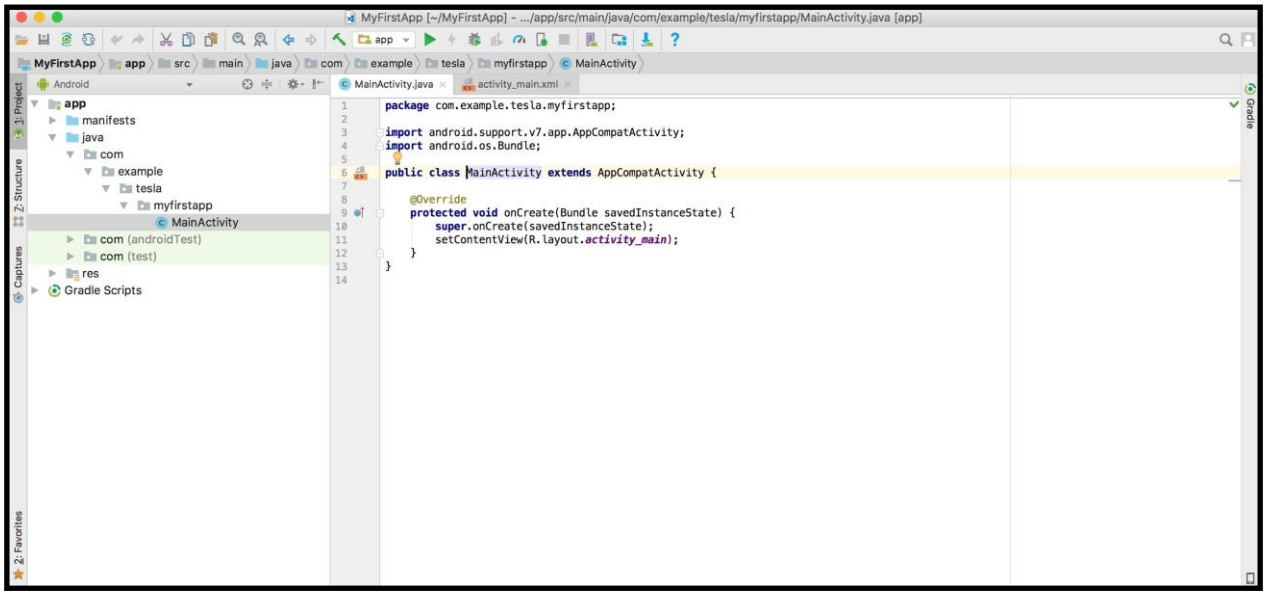


9. The screen you now see is the Design View of the activity_main.xml file. You can already see the words “Hello World!” on the App’s User Interface.

10. If you click on the Text tab on the bottom you can see the layout file underlying the user interface.



11. To view the backing code for this activity, double click on 'MainActivity' inside of the Project directory tree. This file is located in: 'java' > 'com.example.<user_name>.myfirstapp' > 'MainActivity'.

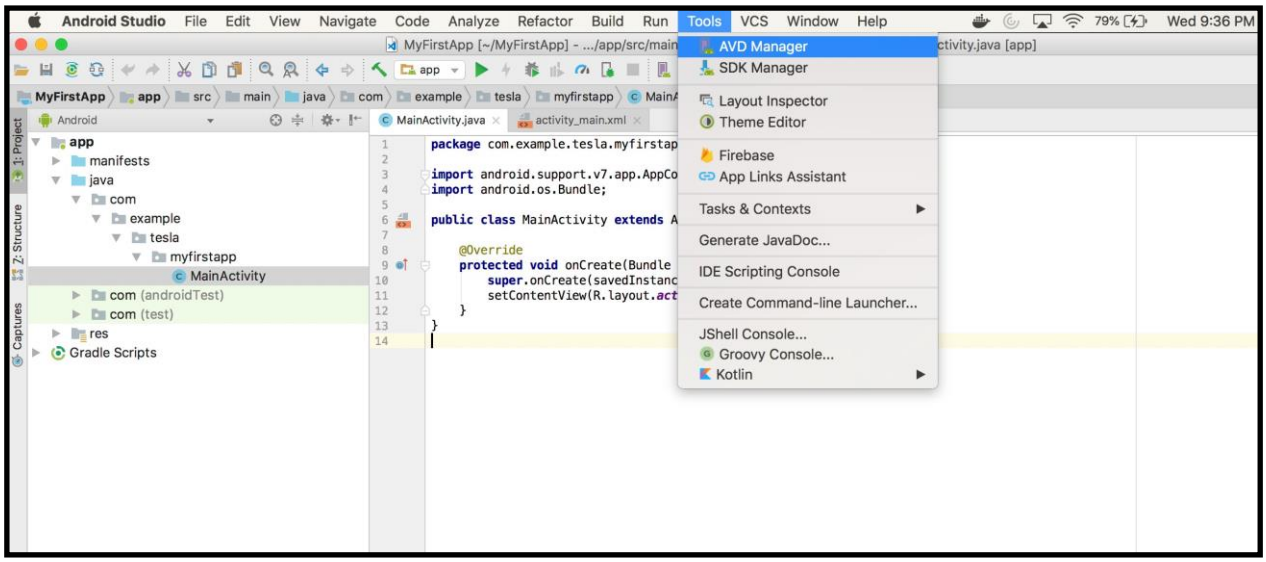


In Part 4 we will show you how to run this app in the Android Emulator.

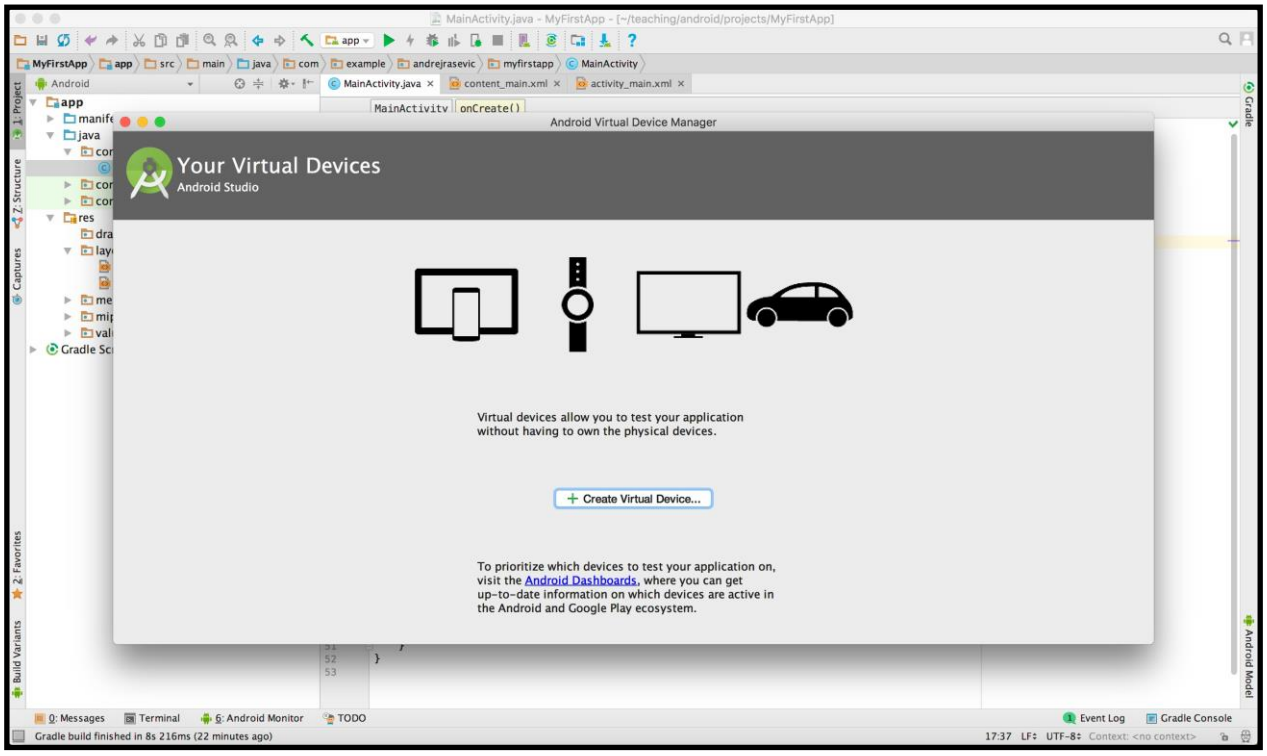
Part 3 – Using the Emulator

In this part you will learn how to set up and use the Android Emulator.

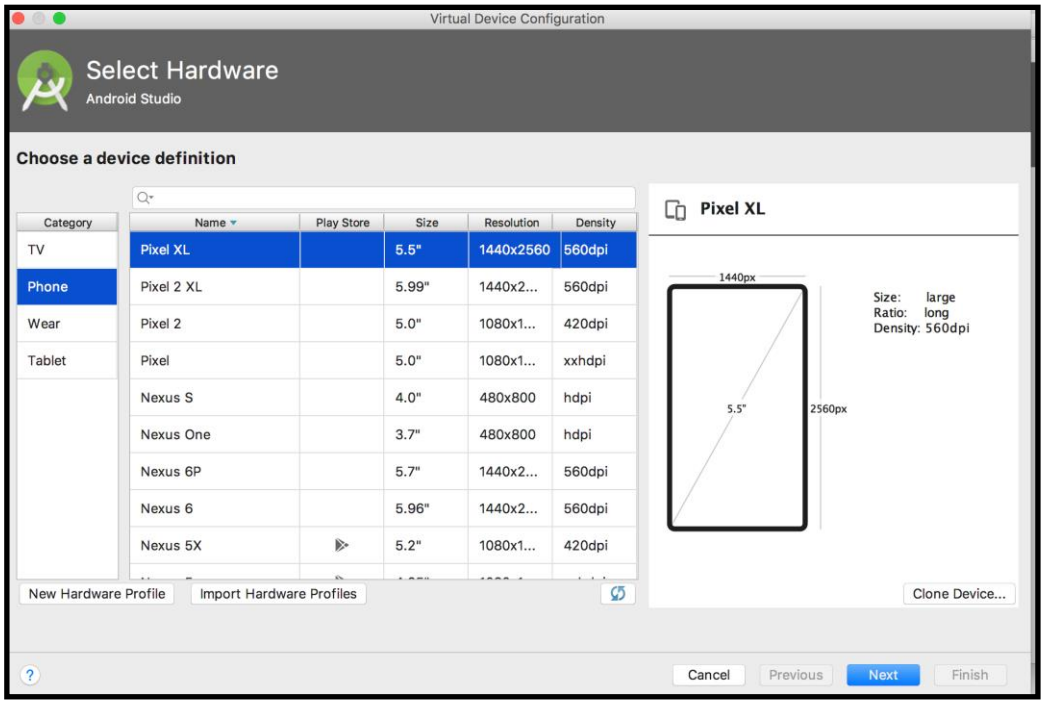
1. First start up the Android Virtual Device Manager. You can do that by selecting Tools > AVD Manager from the Android Studio menu bar.



2. A new dialog box will pop up.

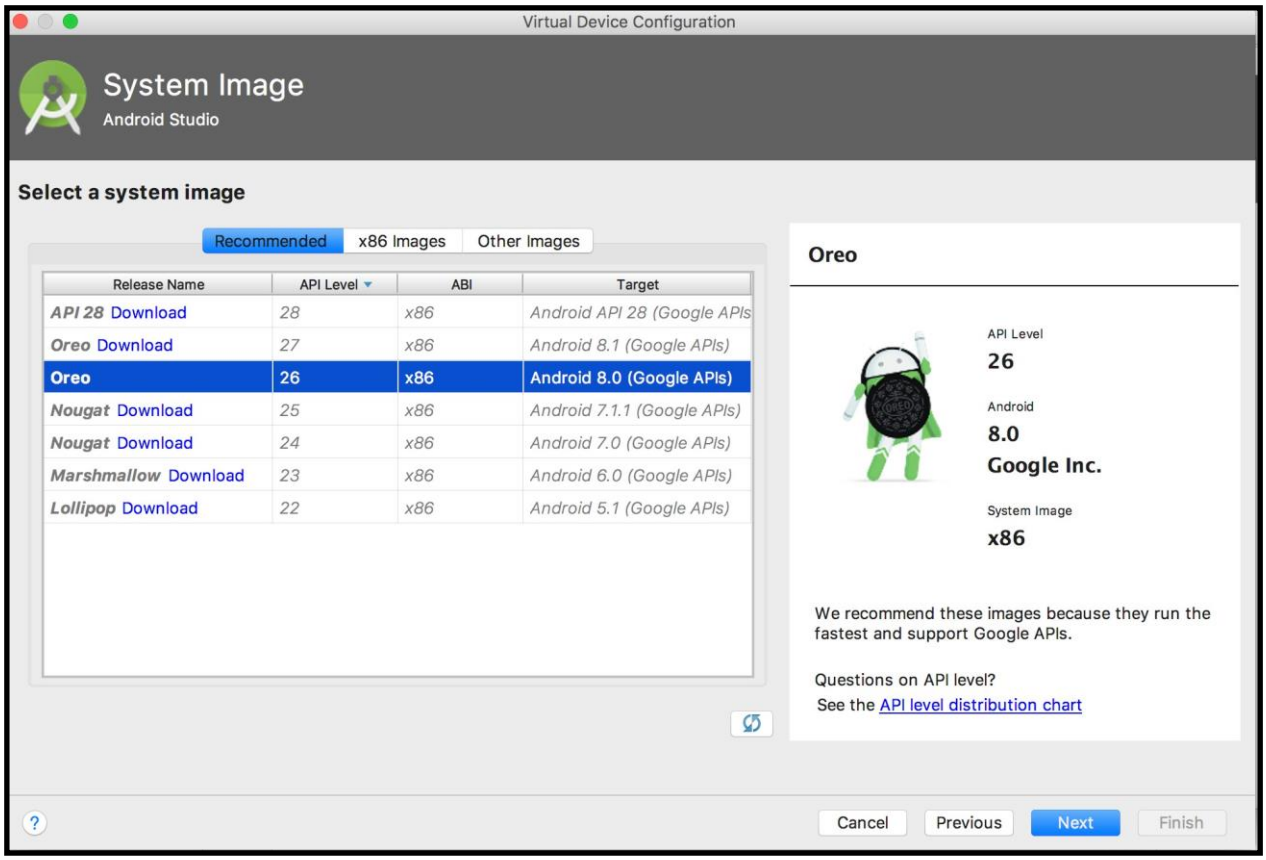


3. Click "Create Virtual Device" to create a new Android Virtual Device (AVD).



4. Another dialog box will pop up displaying various pre-made AVD templates. To simulate the same environment we will be testing your code in, select phone in the left panel and then Pixel XL in the main panel. Now click ‘Next’.

5. Select the appropriate System Image for the virtual machine. All of the class projects will be tested against API level 26. If you haven’t downloaded that already, make sure to download it now, by clicking on the “Download” link. As you can see in the screenshot, I have already downloaded API 26 in my environment. Once it has downloaded click ‘Next’.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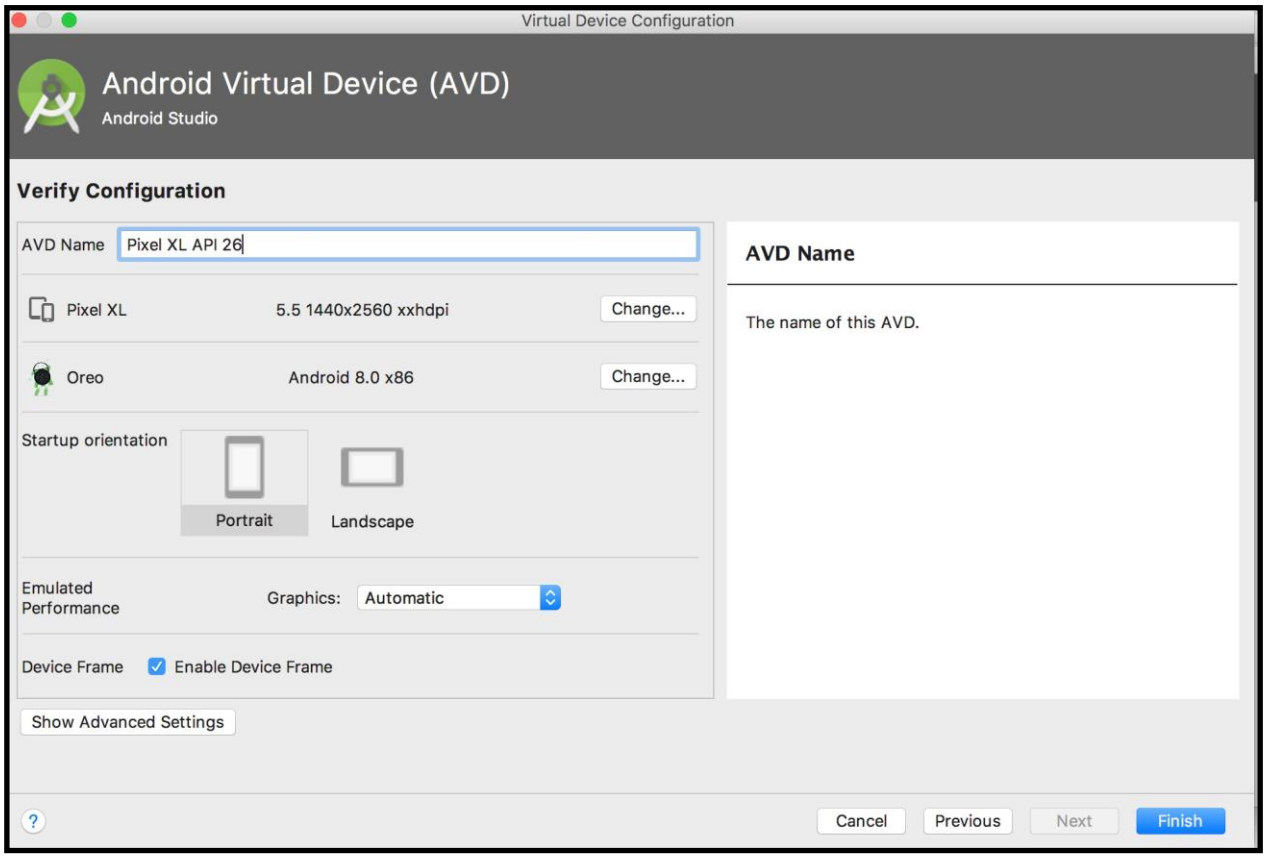
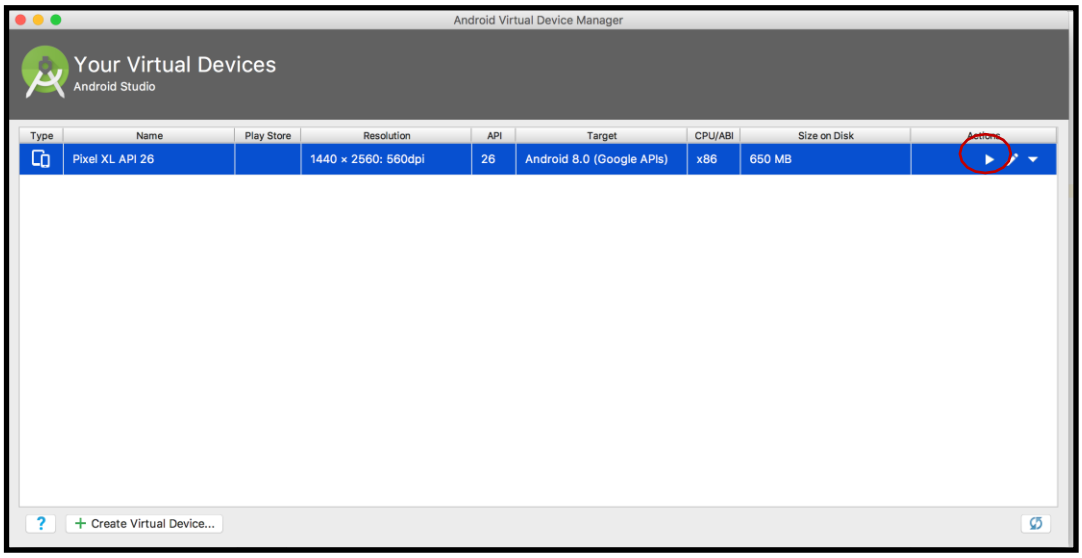
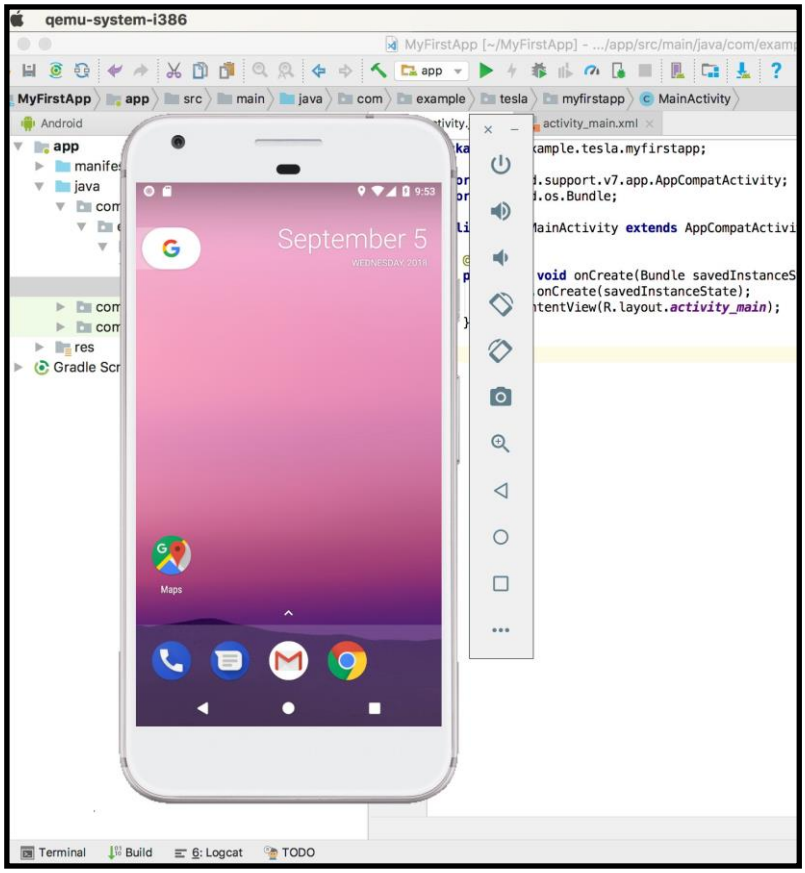


6. Now click on the ‘Play’ icon to start the emulator, after clicking on it you can close the Android Virtual Device Manager.



7. As the emulator starts up, you will see a progress dialog appear in Android Studio.

8. Next, the emulator will appear and start its boot sequence.



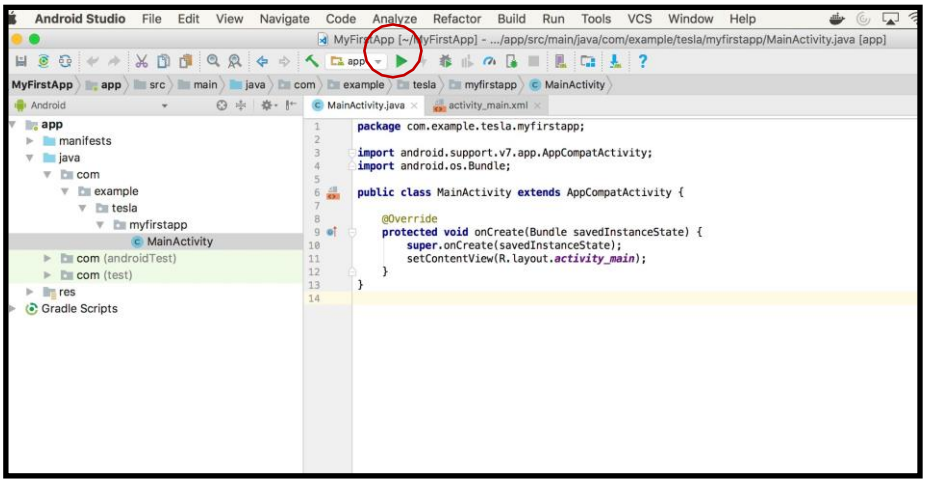
After the device has booted, the emulator will be ready for user interaction.

Part 4 – Running Your First App

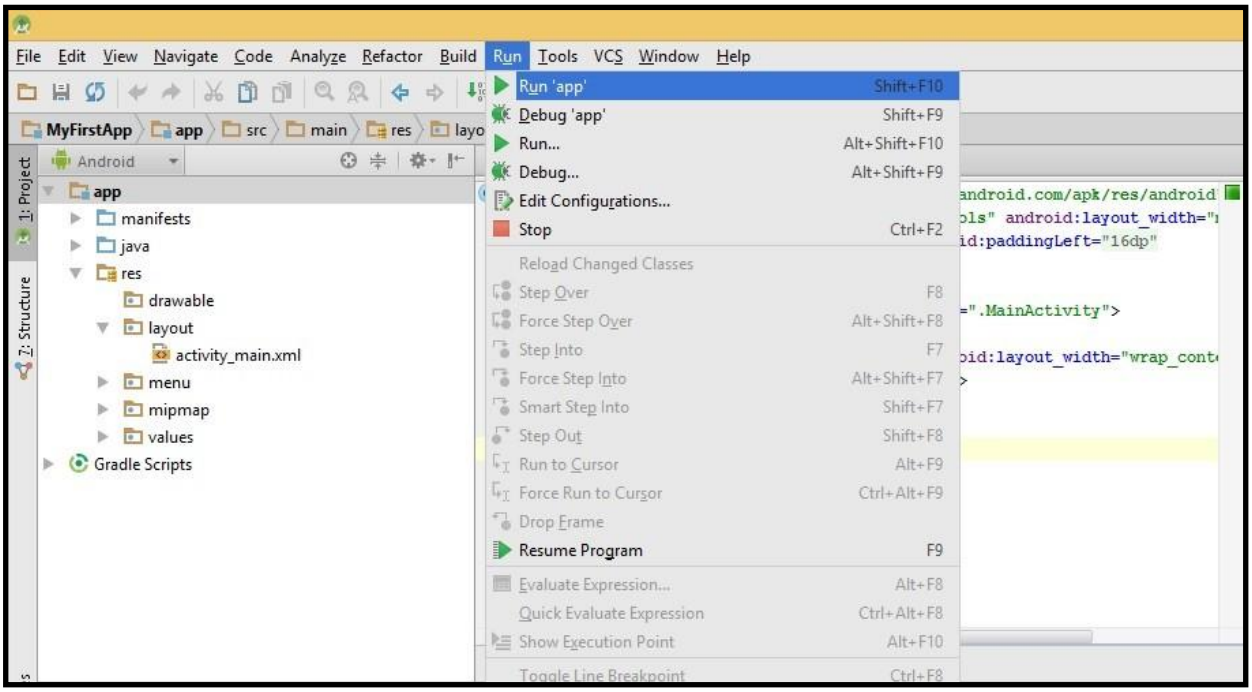
In this part you will learn how to run the application you created in Part 2 in the Android Emulator you just created in Part 3.

There are two ways to run the app:

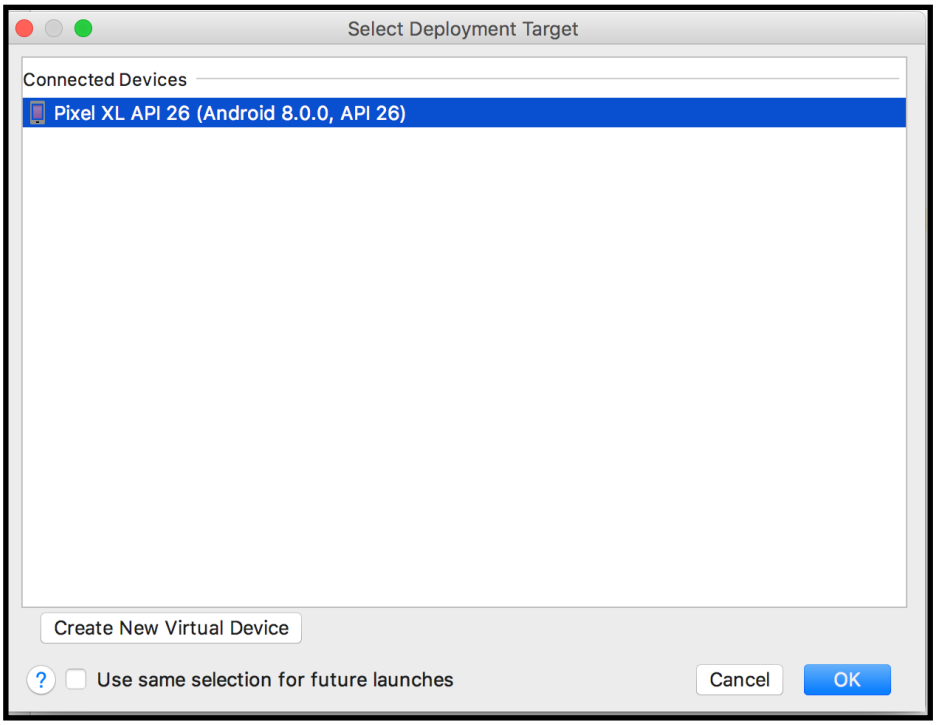
Method 1: Return to Android Studio and simply click on the “Run ‘app’” Button



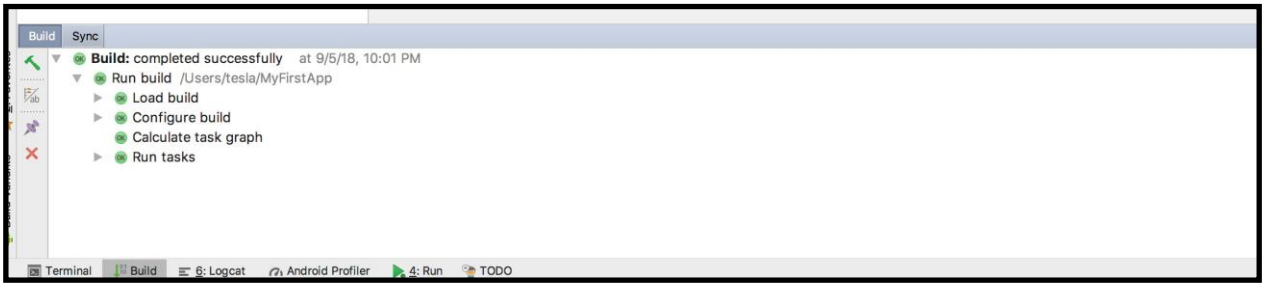
Method 2: Return to Android Studio and select Run > Run ‘app’.



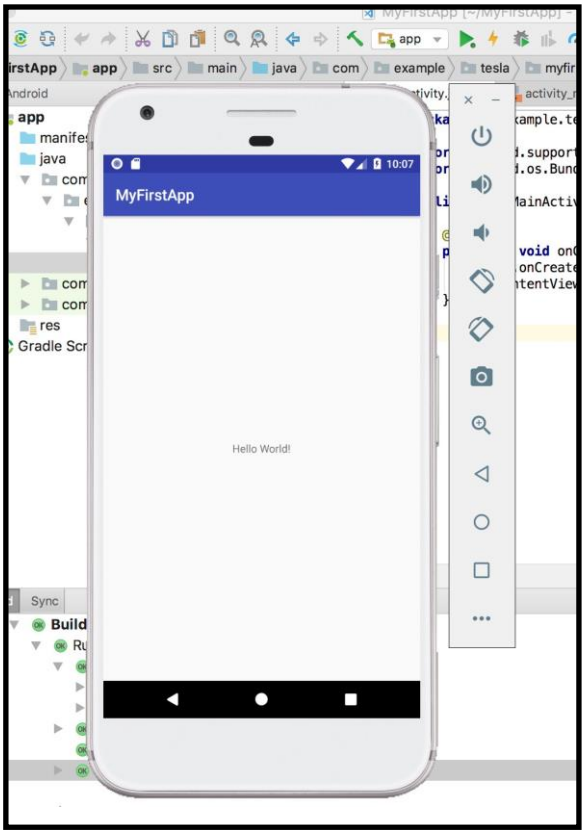
Next a window will pop-up to ask you to select which of your pre-configured AVD devices you would like to run the app on. If you do not have the correct SDK installed on your AVD for your app you will be prompted to install it. Select the Pixel XL you just created and click ‘OK’.



In the Build Console panel, below the editor window, you will see output indicating that the application is being built, loaded and configured.



Return to your Emulator instance. You should now see your application, running in the Android Emulator, with the familiar ‘Hello World’ text.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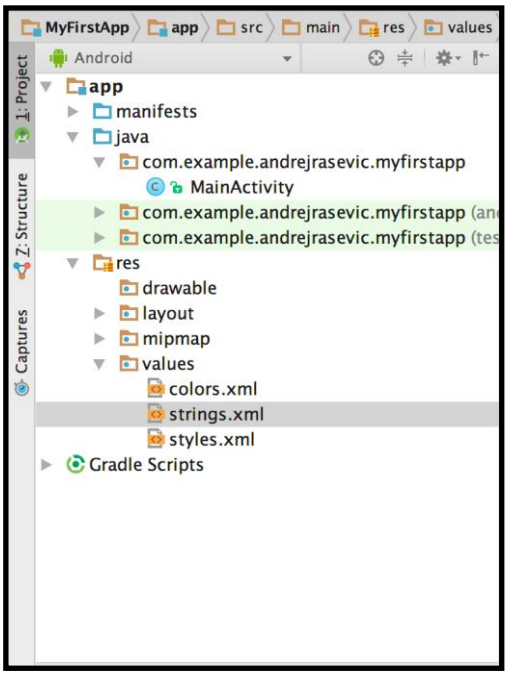
Extra Challenge

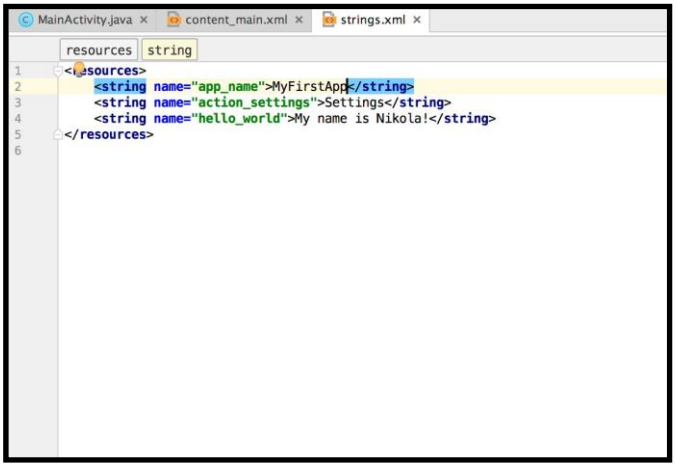
If you finish all the work above in class, then do the follow challenge activity as well.

1. **Modified Hello World** - Remember the first app you made? Let's return to that!

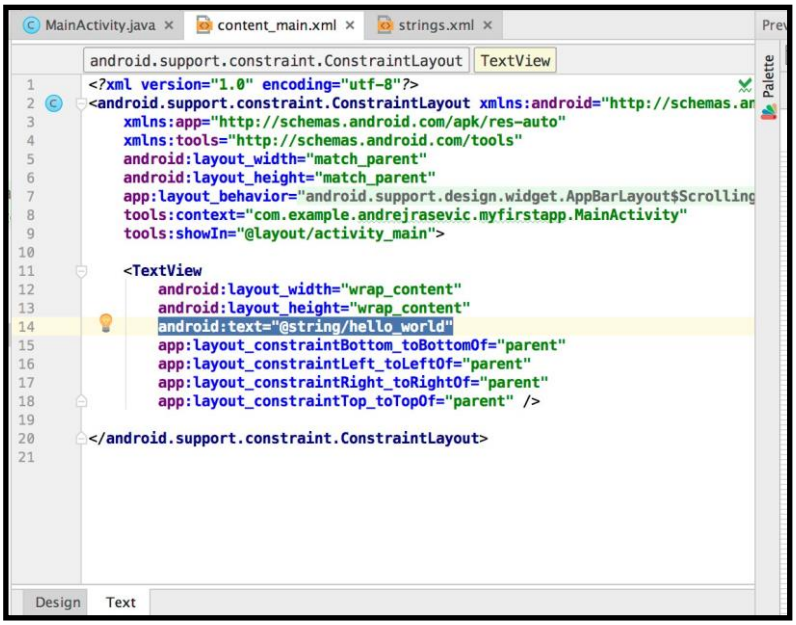
2. In this part you'll modify the original "Hello world!" message of your first app. To do this you need to modify the string value in \res\values\string.xml.



3. Add another string element with the text: “My name is <your_name>!”.



4. Now go to the activity_main.xml file inside of res/layout. Edit the TextView element so it references the hello_world string element you just created in the previous step.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5. Now run the app and see the change!